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GE FOOD? A CHOICE DENIED

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This Submission from The Waiheke Island GE FREE ZONE NETWORK. firstly begs a Question. Re: GE FOOD AND INGREDIENTS in the informed world of almost total opposition to Genetically Engineered Food.

WHY IS THE CHOICE OF NATURAL FOOD BEING DENIED THE CONSUMER? WHY IS THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPAL, in the form of A MORATIRIUM to protect the public and the Environment NOT BEING IMPILMENTED?

As we ask, we know that as well as the massive financial gain to the Multinational Chemical Companies in the US and their supporters, the chance to rule the world through the food chain is high on the list of goals. We are writing to say that we know the game and will not play. Hopefully someone in there will start to listen to what thousands of people in many many informed countries are shouting to you.

The proof now exists as to the spreading capabilities of GE crops now growing, and the public realisation that decision makers such as CODEX and Governments are being infuenced by the lobbying of the US multinational chemical companies, who make trade threats.

This approach was applied to NZ with the nucular issue and their bulling bluff was called. We in New Zealand call on you and all others to respond accordingly. Be fair ACT in the interests of the people who need to regain their trust in all Governments and decision making Authorities, and to SEE the system working fairly for all and with justice. The issues surrounding the GE OF THE FOOD CHAIN tells us this is not the state of affairs right

LABEL ALL GENETIC FOOD AND INGREDIENTS. CALL FOR A MORATORIUM ON GROWING GE CROPS AND PRODUCING TRANSGENETIC SEEDS

The proof now exists as to the dangers to health. 37 people dead and so many others maimed /disabled and you choose to believe, not so?. How many other disasters have to occur to get you to ACT in the public interest. Are you going to wait until the ability to grow our own pure and natural food is lost, and the next generation wonder just WHAT ORGANIC FOOD IS.

WE DEMAND THAT CODEX AND THE GOVERNMENTS GIVE BACK THE CONSUMER, S RIGHT TO CHOOSE.THE RIGHT TO HAVE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE EATING.

I DO NOT WANT TO EAT A PATATO AND END UP EATING FISH ON CHICKEN.

I DO NOT WANT TO EAT THINGS UNKOWN TO ME JUST BECAUSE SOME AGRICHEMICAL CORPORATION SAYS IT, S OK. AS TIME PROGRESSES, EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT SAYS OTHERWISE.

YOU HESITATE TO TAKE THE STAND NECESSARY TO THE MILLIONS WHO ARE AT RISK, including yourselves.

AS YOU WAIT, IT COULD BECOME TOO LATE, IRRIVERSABLE IT,S CALLED. 92N-0139

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WHAT THEN, WHEN IT IS TOO LATE TO HAVE WHAT ONCE WAS OUR BIRTH RIGHT.

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